

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

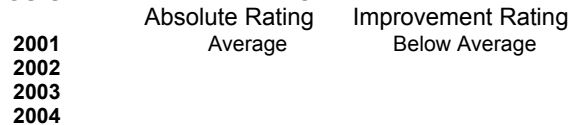
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 83.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent.

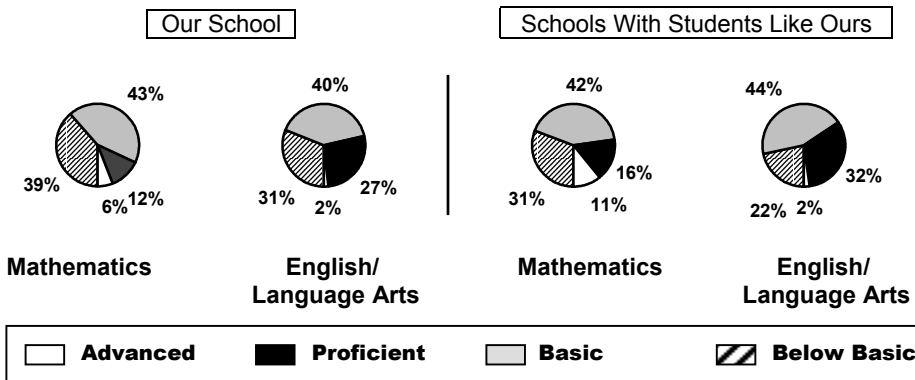
For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=529)	68.8	61.4	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=84)	33.3	33.3		
Students without disabilities (n=444)	75.7	66.9		
Gender				
Male (n=243)	63	62.1		
Female (n=285)	74	61.1		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=141)	56.7	46.1		
Hispanic (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=379)	73.4	67.5		
Other (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=282)	57.8	50.7		
Pay for lunch (n=245)	81.6	73.9		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$3,856	N/A	\$5,090	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	87.3%	Down from 90.7%	89.8%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.9 to 1	N/A	18.7 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=827)				
• Attendance Rate	95.8%	Down from 96.2%	95.9%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	5.5%	N/A	4.2%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	4.9%	N/A	3.1%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	77.2%	Up from 66.9%	96%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2.5%	Up from 0%	3.4%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=44)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	9.1 Days	Up from 6.6	7.5 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.2%	Down from 95.4%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	45.5%	Up from 35.6%	46.9%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	93.2%	Up from 80%	84%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.3%	Down from 4.4%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	86.4%	Up from 82.1%	88.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$35,871	Up 9.0%	\$37,851	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	63.1%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	97%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	47%	Up from 32.2%	41.8%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Up from 0.1%	1.1%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	1	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	17.3%	Down from 17.6%	12.6%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	13.8%	Up from 10.3%	9.1%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

North Hartsville Elementary School, "The Best School in the Universe," has continued to make great strides in adapting to its expanded student body. With an average enrollment of 850 students, the size of the student body is one of the greatest challenges that the school continues to face. Space is already severely limited despite the recent expansion and renovation. Specialty services are continuing to lose space to expanding classroom needs. Assemblies require multiple sessions to accommodate all students. The administration, faculty, and students are, nonetheless, committed to the highest goals of education and development.

There are 47 certified teachers at North Hartsville and 26 of those hold master's degrees or above. Efforts by the administration and faculty to fine-tune the curriculum to better address the needs of the students have met with satisfying results. The Extended School Day Program, begun this year to supplement the work done with students scoring below basic on the PACT, yielded good results, also. Enrichment programs like Accelerated Reader and Math Superstars offer challenges to students at all levels.

The sense of community at North Hartsville is strong. Both staff and students feel a strong sense of pride in the school. Parents are actively involved with a strong PTO, numerous volunteer opportunities, School Improvement Council, and more. Collaborative partnerships with Communities in Schools, the Hartsville Family YMCA, and business partners like Progress Energy/CP&L and Segars GMAC Realty also serve to enhance the school environment.

New enhancements to the school are continually underway. PTO-sponsored murals in the cafeteria and lobby provide opportunities for learning through art. PTO-funded playground equipment provides the chance to burn off energy safely during a busy school day. A Butterfly/Science Garden is underway, due in large part to the Magnolia Garden Club with assistance from The Byerly Foundation. Activities for the students like Chess Club, Eagle Eye Patrol, Beta Club, and more, enrich the learning experience in vital ways.

North Hartsville Elementary School anticipates continuing to "grow and soar toward excellence." We are committed to living up to our self-proclaimed status as "The Best School in the Universe."

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	96.7	94.5	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	96.7	91.7	
Satisfied with home-school relations	90.0	96.3	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

North Hartsville Elementary
110 School Drive
Hartsville, SC 29550

Grades 1-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 827 Students

Principal

Mrs. Beth Blum 843-383-3115

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Dr. Rainey H. Knight 843-398-5200

Board Chair

Dr. Allen McCutchen 843-332-2852

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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